



USDA EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1520-6122

FRIDAY
MARCH 10, 2000
VOL. 47 NO. 20

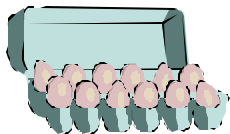
U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged throughout the country. The market tone was steady to fully steady, trade sentiment was increasingly confident. Retail demand was mostly light to moderate, although fairly good at times where promotional activity stimulated additional consumer interest entering the weekend. Breaking stock supplies were fully sufficient from regular sources, and demand for additional product was limited as dealers cautiously assessed approaching needs. Light type fowl were fully adequate for current processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, with best interest noted where items were featured or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were usually adequate on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate and the undertone was at least steady. Light type hens were fully sufficient for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, better where retail specials were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies of all sizes were adequate.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all areas from Tuesday's reported prices. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, instances fairly good with best interest in areas with features. Loose egg movement was moderate to good. Supplies were mixed, usually adequate to in close balance with needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Many breakers were assessing needs for next week with additional purchasing limited. Offerings were adequate or available. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady.

CHICAGO Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all outlets light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady at current price levels. Trade sentiment was generally confident as interest continued to build concerning the recent export announcement. Demand was generally improved entering the weekend, moderate to fairly good, best for scattered promotional activity. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate to occasionally balanced. Prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged to slightly lower on mediums, unchanged on the larger sizes. Breaking stock offerings were reduced, but remained adequate overall for the fair to occasionally improved demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current processing schedules.

****Effective March 17, 2000, the Southern Egg report will be expanded to include PRICES TO CONSUMERS, MAJOR CHAINS, ATLANTA METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN. The new weekly price series will be published on the Friday and Monday editions of the report.****

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady with asking prices for next week in California 2 cents higher on large, unchanged on jumbo, extra large, medium, and small; in the Northwest unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand good, best where features in progress or planned. Offerings much lighter and held confidently from all sources.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	89-91	82-84	59-61
New York	56-58	53-56	44-47
Philadelphia	54-56	52-54	43-44

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	37-38
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	54-67	51-65	41-55

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	46-51	45-50	35-40
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	32-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	35-42

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	62-67	59-61	49-51
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	68-80	67-74	57-63
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	84	77	67

(1) - Prices Reported Weekly (3) - Reported Invoice Prices
(2) - Delivered Warehouse (4) - Prices To Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, medium, and small; 2 cents higher on large. Retailer demand good. Offerings light and confidently held. Small invoice price 47. Ads in Southern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 89-97, large dozen 79-99, medium dozen 99.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	97
EXTRA LARGE	84
LARGE	77
MEDIUM	67

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	84-94
EXTRA LARGE	68-80
LARGE	67-74
MEDIUM	57-63

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
UMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices continued unchanged. Many breakers were assessing current needs for next week with additional purchasing somewhat restrained. Buyers in need bidding higher prices for heavy nest runs. Offerings were adequate or available. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED,
30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT,
DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	23-29	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-13	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Majority prices were higher on nest run when compared to early week trading. Demand was improving, however offerings were fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was at least steady. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 04, 2000 were 2% less than last week, and 11% more than the same a year ago. Plants were running normal schedules.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT,
48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS,
CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	23-27	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	9-13	

EASTERN REGION AREA:
AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 04-Mar-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,156,749	25,117	12,351	6,711	2,952	3,807
PW	1,183,413	24,590	13,315	6,965	3,095	3,698
LY	1,038,512	23,740	10,195	5,845	2,560	3,219
% PW	-2	2	-7	-4	-5	3
% LY	11	6	21	15	15	18
2000	10,138,518	224,890	104,470	57,149	28,163	33,527
1999	9,303,369	209,627	92,275	51,644	23,907	29,338

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.48	41.04	41.40

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS No pasteurized salt yolk or pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment remained steady for whole egg and whites and was weak on yolk. Offerings were adequate or available for whites and about adequate for whole egg. Yolk was fully adequate with movement of additional product very limited. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate to instances fully adequate for current needs.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 10 March, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	15	22-28	25.03	.10
WHITES	24	30-32	30.92	.44
YOLKS	9	27.5-32	30.61	.81

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on whites, balance of items were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light and unaggressive for fully adequate offerings of yolks, interest was usually moderate but improved on whole, and good for limited supplies of whites. The undertone improved on whole and whites. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending March 04, 2000 were 2% more than last week, and 10% more than a year ago. Shell egg suppliers were being reduced but still fully adequate for needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	39-43	40-41	46-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		55-65
WHITES	41-44		47-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	46-48		51-62
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	43-46		49-69
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with the balance of prices mostly unchanged. Offerings of whole and whites were usually adequate for current buyer needs with most sellers holding with increased confidence. Yolk movement had shown very limited improvement and movement beyond regular commitments was reported as very sluggish. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady for whole and whites and generally steady for yolk.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	38-43	40
WHITES	41-44	41-43
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	45-48	46-48
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	42-45	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/4 was 7% more than the previous week. Breaking stock adequate. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	44-47
WHITES	46-49
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	51-54
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	48-51

NATIONAL DRIED Majority prices of whole product were unchanged to lower, yolks values ranged higher to lower, albumen prices were mixed but the majority was unchanged, blends ranged unchanged to lower but the mostly was unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Interest was light for yolks, improved on balance of items. Floor stocks were sufficient for most needs. The undertone was mixed. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending March 04, 2000 were 5% less than the previous week, and 15% more than the same week a year ago. Overall, the monthly dried egg inventory solids for February was 10% more than last month.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.40-1.65	MOSTLY	1.43-1.50
YOLKS	1.15-1.25	MOSTLY	1.18-1.25
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.95-3.35	MOSTLY	3.05-3.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.25	MOSTLY	1.15-1.20

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 03 - MAR 09, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	28.67	—	29.50	31.00	32.00	34.11	42.00	GNR W 1	—	36.00	—	—	—	—	9.00	GNR W 1	—	36.00	—	—	—	—	9.00
GNR W 2	—	32.00	29.00	30.50	28.50	31.25	20.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	60.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 1	—	60.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	26.00	27.50	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	64.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	38.59	41.50	—	—	—	48.64	9.75	GL W XL	38.59	41.50	—	—	—	—	48.64
GL W J	—	—	51.00	53.00	51.00	—	2.00	GL W LG	34.39	40.67	—	—	—	45.05	26.50	GL W LG	34.39	40.67	—	—	—	—	45.05
GL W XL	—	38.00	—	43.29	40.06	40.00	23.25	GL W MD	23.93	26.55	25.75	—	26.00	32.00	13.50	GL W MD	23.93	26.55	25.75	—	26.00	32.00	13.50
GL W LG	—	35.25	37.00	39.50	36.19	—	31.25	GL W SM	—	—	—	24.00	—	25.18	2.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	24.00	—	—	25.18
GL W MD	25.00	27.00	25.79	27.61	25.75	26.75	14.25	GL BR LG	41.00	—	—	—	—	45.00	.75	GL BR LG	41.00	—	—	—	—	—	45.00
GL W SM	19.75	—	20.00	21.50	20.88	—	5.75	NRBS - 48	25.00	26.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	25.00	26.00	—	—	—	—	—
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	NRBS - 42	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	—
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.60	28.40	27.64	29.46	19.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	14.00	16.50	1.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for reduced but adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as about normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate for most slaughter needs. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was light as offerings were at least fully sufficient for current needs. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings generally adequate.

LIVE HENS

Prices paid for live hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm.

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-5 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Mar-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	56.51	54.13	45.01
SOUTHERN	55.23	53.10	42.30
MIDWEST	47.24	46.01	35.64
WESTERN	84.68	78.38	59.99
TWELVE METRO AREAS	64.55	61.01	47.99
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were irregular but values were about steady on light canners and unchanged to slightly lower on heavies. Demand was light to good for irregular offerings of heavies. Interest was about normal for usually sufficient offerings of lights. The undertone was steady on light and about steady to steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26.5-28 MAJORITY	33.5-38 MAJORITY 36.5-37.5
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-29.5 MAJORITY 26-28	34-40 MAJORITY 39-49.75

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 04-MAR-00
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
HEAD	2,111	1,361	3,472
LAST WEEK	1,915	1,349	3,264
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,928	1,348	3,276
TO-DATE/2000	18,255	12,011	30,266
TO-DATE/1999	19,523	11,933	31,456

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	390	0	390
LAST WEEK	533	0	533
SAME WEEK YR AGO	376	17	393
TO-DATE/2000	4,961	27	4,988
TO-DATE/1999	4,333	75	4,408

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,501	1,361	3,862
LAST WEEK	2,448	1,349	3,797
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,304	1,365	3,669
TO-DATE/2000	23,216	12,038	35,254
TO-DATE/1999	23,856	12,008	35,864

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 26, 2000		Year-To-Date	
(000)		(000)	
Type	2000	1999 /1	2000 1999
Liquid	155	235	1,018 2,230
Frozen	40	0	40 6
Dried	0	40	18 58
Total	195	275	1,076 2,294

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Week Ending February 26, 2000		Year-To-Date	
(000)		(000)	
Type	2000	1999 /1	2000 1999
Liquid	81	130	983 566
Frozen	14	9	38 66
Dried	40	10	281 10
Total	135	149	1,302 642

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending February 26, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000		2000 1999	
1999 /1			
Jumbo	0	0	13 0
Extra Large	370	150	2,503 2,250
Large	3,185	1,900	17,475 10,184
Medium	1,123	1,800	3,801 4,476
Ungraded	0	3,870	6,180 46,769
Misc	0	0	750 0
Total	4,678	7,720	30,722 63,679

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-54	42-48	40-45	29-34	23-27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-28	17-19	13-15

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
107-110	70-73	63-66	40-43	16-19

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	6-Mar-00	4,825	115,238	79,365
AM	1-Feb-00	4,916	94,257	72,756
CHG		-91	20,981	6,609
PCT CHG		-2	22	9

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2000 are:

FROZEN EGGS	11	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.04 PCT
TURKS	374	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.98 PCT
POP	872	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.99 PCT

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 04-Mar-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	22.0	21.1	4	-24
BOSTON	4.3	3.7	16	-4
CHICAGO	54.7	43.7	25	-6
DETROIT	25.1	26.3	-5	-7
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	105.3	91.3	15	27
NEW ORLEANS	16.0	8.4	90	-18
NEW YORK	37.1	35.7	4	-18
ST. LOUIS	15.8	14.1	12	-2
SAN FRANCISCO	21.7	23.2	-6	-2
TOTAL	302.1	267.6	13	-1
4 WK MVG AVG	277.9			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 04-Mar-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	222.3	3	-7
E.N. CENTRAL	470.0	-1	-5
W.N. CENTRAL	246.3	0	3
S. ATLANTIC	189.1	3	-7
S. CENTRAL	66.4	-12	-19
WEST	184.5	-4	-39
TOTAL	1378.6	0	-12

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 92 92

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, MARCH 07, 2000.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	103	96	73	49
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	96-100	89-93	66-70	42-46
MOSTLY	98-99	91-92	68-69	44-45
RHODE ISLAND	99-103	92-96	69-73	45-49
MOSTLY	99	92	69	45
VERMONT	105	95-100	73-75	-
MOSTLY	-	95	73	-

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS.**POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES**

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Grover T. Hunter
	Fax	(202)720-2403	(Chief)
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman
	Fax	(404)562-5875	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(404)562-5856	
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown
	Fax	(601)965-4661	(Officer-In-Charge)
Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins
	Fax	(515)284-4468	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(515)284-4545	
Bell, CA	Voice	(323)269-4154	Jim Derby
	Fax	(323)269-5926	(Officer-In-Charge)
	Recorded	(323)260-4676	

U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2000 COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR	% CHANGE
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,332,940	2	56
FREE FLOWING	2,869,750	19	186
BLEND	808,663	14	-13
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	4,227,341	10	66
BLEND	151,581	-12	128
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,181,250	1	23
BLEND	57,000	-4	-44
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	3,305,074	10	177
TOTAL	13,933,599	10	82

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

JANUARY 30, 2000 - FEBRUARY 26, 2000

TOTAL 12,657,000 POUNDS.